

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5237

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Updating workforce investment act references and making no substantive changes.

**Sponsors:** Senators Bailey, Wilson, Chase, Rivers, Keiser, Rolfes, Zeiger and Kuderer; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

**Senate Committee on Higher Education**  
**House Committee on Higher Education**

**Background:** The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) was a federal law that provided workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce investment systems, that sought to increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants and increase occupational skill attainment by participants.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was enacted in July of 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. WIOA replaces WIA and retains and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Summary:** References in statute to the Workforce Investment Act are changed to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to reflect federal law. A reference to workforce investment is changed to workforce development. References to local workforce investment boards are changed to local workforce development boards.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	97	0

**Effective:** July 23, 2017

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